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Dear Sirs

**TOWARDS THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WALES' NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR AN ENVIRONMENT BILL**

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation.

We support the the Policy direction set out in the Consultation which is generally clear and explicit about the Welsh Government's objectives and strategic options.

We particularly support the stance taken in Paragraph 1.34 which acknowledges the inextricability of the natural and historic environments, by including the historic environment in the definition of "natural resources", and the need to manage them in an integrated manner. This approach was first voiced in "The future of our past", the Consultation on proposals for the historic environment of Wales on which we commented supportively in 2013, and we fully support its being endorsed here.

Yours faithfully

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